



NJSLA Results: Spring 2025 Administrations

Mountain Lakes School District

November 17, 2025



New Jersey's Statewide Assessment



- Students were required to take:
 - NJSLA-ELA in grades 3-9
 - NJSLA-Math in grades 3-8
 - Briarcliff: Algebra I, *Geometry (course enrolled in)
 - MLHS: Algebra I, *Geometry, Algebra II (course enrolled in during grade 9)
 - *No Geometry this year because we reverted to Algebra I sequence.
 - NJSLA-Science in grades 5, 8, 11



NJSLA Performance Levels



- **Level 1:** Not yet meeting grade-level expectations
- **Level 2:** Partially meeting grade-level expectations
- **Level 3:** Approaching grade-level expectations
- **Level 4:** Meeting grade-level expectations
- **Level 5:** Exceeding grade-level expectations
- ❖ NJSLA-Science uses Levels 1-4 (level 3 is proficient)



Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Students Tested Spring 2024 and 2025 NJSLA Administrations **English Language Arts**



Number of Students Tested

Grade	2024	2025	Difference
3	76	63	↓ 13
4	76	77	↑ 1
5	81	76	↓ 5
6	86	75	↓ 11
7	86	84	↓ 2
8	84	86	↑ 2
9*	128	139	↑ 11

Note: Grade 9 row includes grade 9 students only.



Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2024 and 2025 NJSLA Administrations English Language Arts – Percentages by Performance Level



- Level 1: Not Yet Meeting Expectations
- Level 2: Partially Meeting Expectations
- Level 3: Approaching Expectations
- Level 4: Meeting Expectations
- Level 5: Exceeding Expectations

Grade	Level 1 2024	Level 1 2025	Level 2 2024	Level 2 2025	Level 3 2024	Level 3 2025	Level 4 2024	Level 4 2025	Level 5 2024	Level 5 2025	Change in Levels 1, 2, and 3 from 2024 to 2025	Change in Level 4 and Level 5 from 2024 to 2025
3	7	0	7	8	7	6	54	60	26	25	↓ 7%	↑ 5%
4	0	3	1	5	15	9	37	42	47	42	↑ 1%	0%
5	0	1	1	3	6	4	62	59	31	33	↑ 1%	↓ 1%
6	1	0	1	1	4	0	47	45	48	53	↓ 5%	↑ 3%
7	4	0	0	0	6	8	36	32	55	60	↓ 2%	↑ 1%
8	0	0	4	2	14	12	45	50	37	36	↓ 4%	↑ 4%
9*	0	1	4	7	5	11	44	42	48	39	↑ 10%	↓ 11%

Notes: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding. *Grade 9 rows includes grade 9 students only.

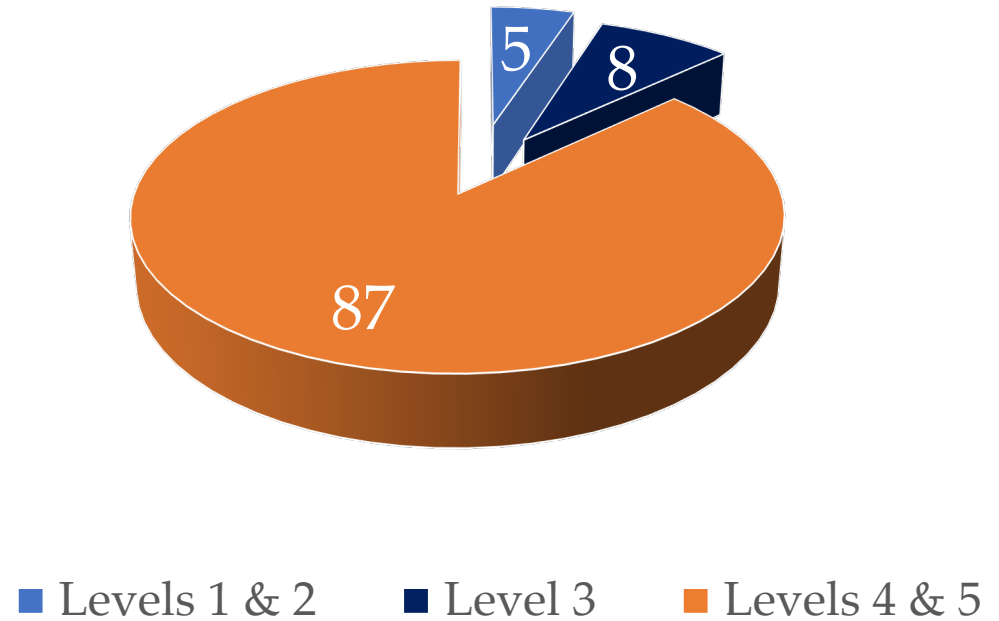


Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2025 NJSLA Administrations English Language Arts – Percentages



Grade	Levels 1 & 2	Level 3	Levels 4 & 5
3	8	6	85
4	8	9	84
5	4	4	92
6	1	0	98
7	0	8	92
8	2	12	86
9*	8	11	81

Overall District Performance: English Language Arts



Notes: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding. *Grade 9 rows includes grade 9 students only.

Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Students Tested Spring 2024 and 2025 NJSLA Administrations **Mathematics**



Number of Students Tested

Grade	2024	2025	Difference
3	76	63	13
4	76	77	1
5	81	76	5
6	86	75	11
7	77	73	4
8*	36	31	5
Algebra 1	12(BC) / 90(MLHS)	66(BC) / 130(MLHS)	54 BC / 40 MLHS
Geometry	45(BC) / 30(MLHS)	0	
Algebra 2	33	32	1



Note: *Some students in grade 8 participated in the NJSLA Algebra I assessment in place of the 8th grade math assessment. The NJSLA Math 8 outcomes are not representative of grade 8 performance as a whole.



- **Grade 8 data:** Some students in grade 8 participated in the Algebra I assessment in place of the 8th grade Math assessment. Thus, Math 8 outcomes are not representative of grade 8 performance as a whole.
- **Algebra 1, 2 and Geometry data:** Students in grades 11 and 12 were not included.
- Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2024 and 2025 NJSLA Administrations **Mathematics** – Percentages by Performance Level



- Level 1: Not Yet Meeting Expectations
- Level 2: Partially Meeting Expectations
- Level 3: Approaching Expectations
- Level 4: Meeting Expectations
- Level 5: Exceeding Expectations

Grade	Level 1 2024	Level 1 2025	Level 2 2024	Level 2 2025	Level 3 2024	Level 3 2025	Level 4 2024	Level 4 2025	Level 5 2024	Level 5 2025	Change in Levels 1, 2, and 3 from 2024 to 2025	Change in Level 4 and Level 5 from 2024 to 2025
3	3	0	4	3	12	8	30	59	51	30	↓ 8%	↑ 8%
4	1	0	4	4	12	10	59	65	24	21	↓ 3%	↑ 3%
5	1	0	1	4	15	15	53	53	30	29	↑ 2%	↓ 1%
6	1	0	2	0	8	12	55	43	34	45	↑ 1%	↓ 1%
7	1	0	7	4	17	11	52	55	23	30	↓ 10%	↑ 10%
8*	6	7	3	13	28	42	53	39	11	0	↑ 25%	↓ 25%



Note: *Some students in grade 8 participated in the NJSLA Algebra I assessment in place of the 8th grade math assessment. The NJSLA Math 8 outcomes are not representative of grade 8 performance as a whole.

Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2024 and 2025 NJSLA Administrations **Mathematics** – Percentages by Performance Level



- Level 1: Not Yet Meeting Expectations
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- Level 5: Exceeding Expectations

Grade	Level 1 2024	Level 1 2025	Level 2 2024	Level 2 2025	Level 3 2024	Level 3 2025	Level 4 2024	Level 4 2025	Level 5 2024	Level 5 2025	Change in Levels 1, 2, and 3 from 2024 to 2025	Change in Level 4 and Level 5 from 2024 to 2025
Alg 1 (BC)	0	0	0	0	0	3	25	53	75	44	↑ 3%	↓ 3%
Alg 1 (HS)	4	5	8	7	28	29	57	55	3	5	↑ 1%	0%
Alg 2	0	3	0	9	12	3	61	59	27	25	↑ 3%	↓ 4%



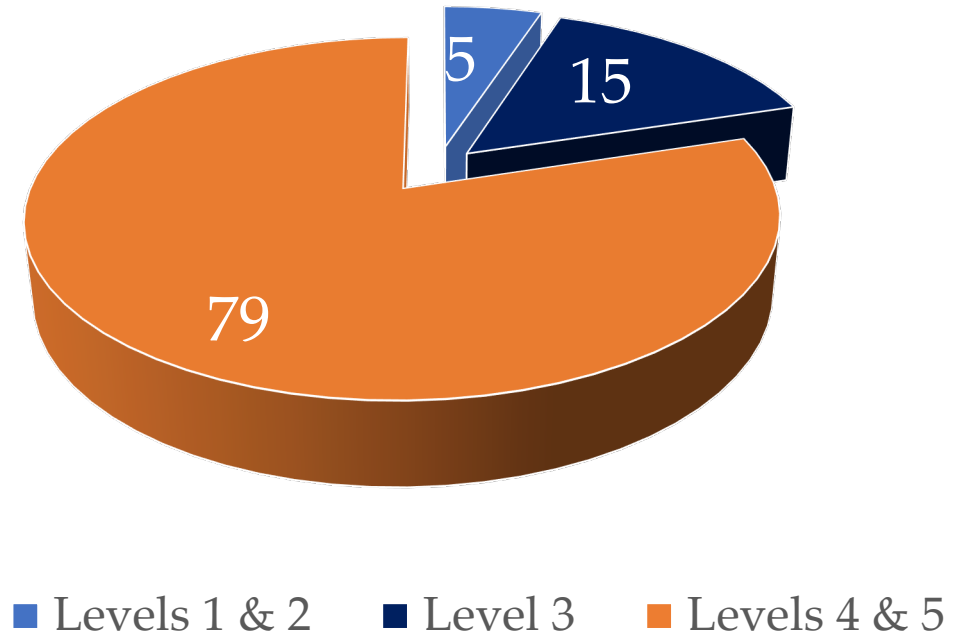
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Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2025 NJSLA Administrations Mathematics – Percentages



Grade	Levels 1 & 2	Level 3	Levels 4 & 5
3	3	8	89
4	4	10	86
5	4	15	82
6	0	12	88
7	4	11	85
8*	20	42	39
Algebra I District	8	20	72
Algebra II	12	3	84

Overall District Performance: Mathematics



Notes: *Some students in grade 8 participated in the NJSLA Algebra I assessment in place of the 8th grade math assessment. The NJSLA Math 8 outcomes are not representative of grade 8 performance as a whole. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.



Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Student Tested Spring 2024 and 2025 NJSLA Administrations **Science**



Number of Students Tested

Grade	2024	2025	Difference
5	81	78	↓ 3
8	84	87	↑ 3
11	138	130	↓ 8



Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2024 and 2025 NJSLA Administrations **Science** – Percentages by Performance Level



- Level 1: Below Proficient
- Level 2: Near Proficiency
- Level 3: Proficient
- Level 4: Advanced Proficiency

Grade	Level 1 2024	Level 1 2025	Level 2 2024	Level 2 2025	Level 3 2024	Level 3 2025	Level 4 2024	Level 4 2025	Change in Level 1 and Level 2 from 2024 to 2025	Change in Level 3 and Level 4 from 2024 to 2025
5	3	7	26	23	44	42	27	29	↑ 1%	0%
8	8	7	39	55	32	28	20	11	↑ 15%	↓ 13%
11	22	16	27	29	29	32	22	23	↓ 4%	↑ 4%



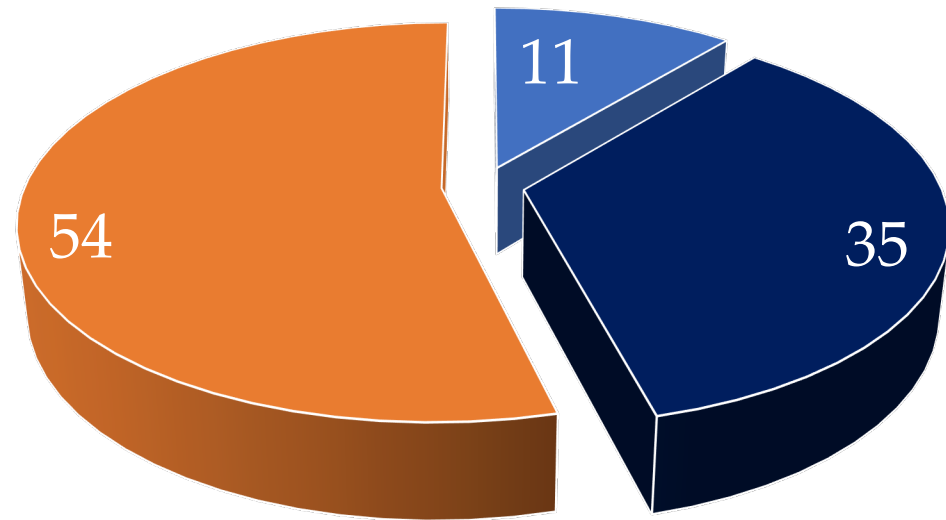
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Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2025 NJSLA Administrations Science – Percentages



Grade	Level 1: Below	Level 2: Near	Level 3 & 4 Proficient/ Advanced
5	7	23	71
8	7	55	39
11	16	29	55

Overall District Performance: Science



■ Level 1 ■ Level 2 ■ Levels 3 & 4



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Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2022 to 2025 NJSLA Administrations **English Language Arts** – Special Education



Grade	% of Total Population 2021-2022	Meeting + Exceeding 2021-2022	% of Total Population 2022-2023	Meeting + Exceeding 2022-2023	% of Total Population 2023-2024	Meeting + Exceeding 2023-2024	% of Total Population 2024-2025	Meeting + Exceeding 2024-2025
3-5	(18)	58	(20)	63	(18)	51	(17)	54
6-8	(15)	49	(14)	57	(12)	40	(9)	43
9	(13)	22	(16)	20	(16)	70	(13)	39



Notes: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

Comparison of Mountain Lakes's Spring 2022 to 2025 NJSLA Administrations **Mathematics** – Special Education



Grade	% of Total Population 2021-2022	Meeting + Exceeding 2021-2022	% of Total Population 2022-2023	Meeting + Exceeding 2022-2023	% of Total Population 2023-2024	Meeting + Exceeding 2023-2024	% of Total Population 2024-2025	Meeting + Exceeding 2024-2025
3-5	(17)	51	(20)	64	(18)	48	(17)	51
6-8	(20)	32	(17)	42	(13)	33	(9)	33
HS Total	(6)	100	(15)	14	(14)	29	(17)	32



Notes: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.



Notable Achievements



- English Language Arts
 - Improvement or relative stability in level 4/5 for grades 3-8
 - Over 90% level 4/5 in grades 5 ,6 ,7
 - Grade 9 students performed very well on ‘Reading Science and Technical Subjects’ items
 - Strong writing skills demonstrated in all grades on ‘Written Expression’ and ‘Writing Conventions’
 - Prose Constructed Response – range **81% - 95% met/exceeded** expectations



Notable Achievements



- Mathematics
 - Grades 3-7 Improvement or relative stability in level 4/5
 - grade 3 (moved 8% into level 4/5)
 - 4 (moved 3% into level 4/5)
 - 7 (moved 10% into level 4/5)
 - 0% in 'Not Meeting'
 - Pre Covid substantial increases
 - Grade 5 'Expressing Mathematical Reasoning' **12%**
 - Alg I (HS) 'Modeling and Application' **41%**



Notable Achievements



- Science

- Longitudinal Data - Pre Covid to 2025 stability with overall 5% drop in highest two levels
 - Noteworthy domains
 - Grade 5 – Sensemaking Practices **13%**
 - Grade 8 – Critiquing Practices **6%**
 - Performed above state average **28%**
 - Grade 5 – 41% above state average in proficient + advanced
 - Grade 11
 - increase **4%** proficient + advanced



Intervention Strategies



- English Language Arts
 - K-5 Reading Informational Text
 - PD side-by-side coaching – instructional practice, small group differentiated learning
 - 6-8 Reading Informational Text + Vocabulary
 - ‘Reading Science & Technical Subjects’ items new in NJSLA grades 6-8
 - Interpret text features in ELA classroom + beyond... disciplinary literacy
 - Grade 9 - Examine instruction on ‘Reading Literature’ skills related to analyzing the development and interactions of complex characters



Intervention Strategies



- Mathematics
 - Grade 8 - track cohort data
 - Compare grade 7 to grade 8
 - Expressions & Equations, Modeling & Reasoning, Functions, Geometry
 - Algebra I (HS)
 - Linear equations & inequalities
 - Algebra II
 - Modeling & Reasoning, Number & Quantity, Functions





Intervention Strategies



- Science
 - Utilize online lab activities to develop students' investigative practices
 - Incorporate test preparation, review of content into classroom instruction
 - Vertical articulation opportunities build on scientific reasoning skills



Resources for Parents



- [Score Interpretation Guide for Parents](#)
- [NJSLA Individual Student Report Video](#)
- [NJ Parent Portal](#)
- [NJDOE Digital Item Library](#) & [NJSLA Adaptive](#)
- [New Meridian](#) test development items and resources
- [Science Practice Tests](#)

